ation the prevailling conditions. This fact has been stated by the Hon. Food Minister. If at all any grains or fixation of pirce of such grains are to be urged before the Agricultural Price Commission, it can be urged before the Commission through the State Government.

It is precisely to get this issue out of politics that the Government leaniheavlly on the Agricultural Price Commission. They are manned by well-known economists of known integrity in the country.

2-30 P. M.

All that I am submitting is this. The levy prices are as per the norms of the Agricultural Price Commission, Every State Government, including Karnataka Government, taking into consideration the difficulties of the farmer, tries to get as favourable a levy price as possible. There has to be a difference between the levy price and the price in the open market. Unless the levy price is below the open market price, the purpose of this will be defeated. Certain amount of sugar is taken away at levy rate and the rest is sold in open market and the profitability of sugar industry depends on the total effect of it. Therefore, I am submitting that the capacity of the sugar producer to bear the increase in the cost of production depends not only on the levy rate but on that portion of his produce which he is able to sell in the open market at a higher rate.

MADAM SPEAKER,—The question hour is over.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY (but not taken up)

Schemes Sponsored by NCDC in Co-operative Sector

41. SRI J. S. AMMANNAVAR (Sadalga).—

Will the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the names of various schemes in Co-operative Sector that were sponsored by the NCDC during 1973-74 ;

(*b*) which of such schemes were taken up by the State during the year 1973-74 ;

(*c*) which of such schemes were not taken up and the reasons therefor ;

(*d*) the total amount of assistance both loan and subsidy that the State has availed of from the NCDC so far during 1973-74 ?

SRI K. H. RANGANATH (Minister for Co-operation).—

(*a*) - 1. Financing small and medium sized proceesing units.

2. Establishment of technical and promotional cell in the Apex Co-operative Marketing Federation.

3. Central Sector sponsored scheme for strengthening the share capital base of selected Co-operative Marketing Societies.

4. Corporation Sponsored Scheme for assisting procurement and sale of cotton by the State Co-operative Marketing Federation.

5. Margin Money Scheme (Processing).

6. Central Sector scheme on Co-operative storage

7. Formation of pesticides and insecticides unit.

8. Margin money for procurement and distribution ofagricultural inputs (centrally sponsored scheme).

9. Establishment of workshop for fabrication of agricultural imp ements.

10. Establishment of granular fertiliser unit.

11. Establishment of agricultural Service Repair Centres.

(*b*) The schemes at Sl. Nos. 1 to 6, 8 and 11.

(*c*) Remaining ones.

Reasons : *Scheme at Sl. No. 7.* NCDC prefers that such units should be started by State Marketing Federation and since one unit to the federation has already been sanctioned, the NCDC. has expressed the inability to sanction one more unit.

Scheme at Sl. No. 9. The NCDC has discontinued this scheme.

Scheme at Sl. No. 10. The Societies are not interested to establish the unit.

		Rs.
(*d*) Total assistance	...	27,54,200
Loan	...	77,49,200
Subsidy	...	5,000

Loans Granted by Karnataka Housing Board for Construction of Houses.

648. SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR (Kalagi).—

Will the Minister for Finance and Housing be pleased to state :-

(*a*) the amount of loans granted for the construction of houses by the Karnataka Housing Board tor the years 1973-74, 1974-75 (Districtwise particulars be furnished for Rural and Urban areas) ;

(*b*) whether Government is taking any steps for constructing houses under the HUDC) Scheme in Gulbarga District (Details be furnished) ?

SRI M. Y. GHORPADE (Minister for Finance and Housing).—

(*a*) A statement giving districtwise information is appended.